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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
PATRICK M. ALLIEL ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW PCT APPLICATION :
(Based on PCT/FR00/01513)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: NUCLEIC SEQUENCE AND :
DEDUCED PROTEIN SEQUENCE
FAMILY WITH HUMAN
ENDOGENOUS RETROVIRAL
MOTIFS, AND THEIR USES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A nucleic acid fragment, characterized in that it comprises a segment of a sequence as claimed in claim 1 [or claim 2] and in particular the sequence SEQ ID NO: 3-22, 28 and 61, the complementary nucleic sequences and the reverse sequences complementary to the preceding sequences as well as fragments derived from the coding